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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, EASTERN DIVISION

THOMAS BODNAR,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,  
et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 5:17-CV-01463-DSF  
(PLAx)

[PROPOSED]

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Trial Date: None Set

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. The Parties may designate as “Confidential” such documents and information produced by them that they respectively believe in good faith constitute, contain or reflect confidential information, and shall so mark such documents. The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Confidential documents and information, but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Confidential documents and information; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Confidential documents; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal Confidential documents or information.

B. Designation of documents and information as Confidential shall be accomplished by:

1. Placing on the first page of each document to be so designated a stamp or notice in such a manner as will not interfere with the legibility thereof marking the document as Confidential.
2. Affixing a “Confidential” stamp or designation to non-paper documents, such as CDs.

C. Access to Confidential documents and information shall be strictly limited to:

1. The parties;
2. Attorneys actively working on this case;
3. Persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, or at other proceedings in this case;
4. Expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings in this case;
5. The Court and its employees; and
6. Stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this action.
7. Any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

D. Plaintiff *pro se* and Counsel may, to the extent necessary for the prosecution or defense of this action, in good faith make Confidential documents and information available to expert witnesses and consultants provided that, prior to delivering Confidential documents

1 and information to the expert or consultant, counsel shall obtain from  
2 the expert/consultant an undertaking in the following form signed and  
3 dated by the expert/consultant:

4 "I hereby acknowledge that I am to receive documents and/or  
5 information designated as Confidential pursuant to the terms of a  
6 Protective Order in Civil Action 17-01463 DSF (PLA), entitled Bodnar  
7 v. County of Riverside et al., pending in the United States District  
8 Court for the Central District of California. I acknowledge receipt of a  
9 copy of that protective order and certify that I have read it and that I  
10 agree to be bound by the terms and restrictions set forth therein. I  
11 further agree that any documents and information designated as  
12 Confidential pursuant thereto which is delivered to me will be  
13 segregated and kept by me in a safe place, and will not be made known  
14 to others except in accordance with the terms of the protective order. I  
15 also agree to dispose of all such Confidential documents and all  
16 summaries or other documents containing knowledge or information  
17 obtained therefrom in such manner as I may be instructed after  
18 completing my services."

19 E. Counsel and the parties (including Plaintiff *pro se*) are required to  
20 advise, instruct and supervise all associates, staff and employees of  
21 counsel to keep designated Confidential documents and information  
22 confidential in the strictest possible fashion. Counsel and the parties  
23 also agree to such treatment of the documents and information by  
24 themselves, and counsel will appropriately instruct their clients as to  
25 the protected nature of the documents and information produced  
26 pursuant to this order and the limitations on its use and disclosure.  
27 Confidential documents and information must be stored and maintained  
28 by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures

1 that access is limited to the persons authorized under this order.

2 F. If any documents or information designated as Confidential are used at

3 deposition, the relevant portions of any such deposition transcript shall

4 be subject to the terms of this protective order unless there has been a

5 prior stipulation or order designating the document or information as

6 non-confidential.

7 G. If any document or information which has been designated as

8 Confidential is filed with the court prior to trial, it shall be filed in a

9 sealed envelope along with an application for filing under seal as

10 provided in Local Civil Rule 79-5.1, unless there has been a prior

11 stipulation or order designating the document or information as non-

12 confidential.

13 H. If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other

14 litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items

15 designated in this Action as Confidential, that party must:

16 1. Promptly notify in writing the designating party. Such

17 notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

18 2. Promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or

19 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the

20 material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this

21 protective order. Such notification shall include a copy of this

22 order.

23 3. Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be

24 pursued by the designating party whose Confidential documents

25 or information may be affected. If the designating party timely

26 seeks a protective order, the party served with the subpoena or

27 court order shall not produce any information designated in this

28 action as Confidential before a determination by the court from

which the subpoena or order issued, unless the party has obtained the designating party's permission. The designating party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its Confidential documents and information and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a receiving party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

- I. The parties may stipulate that a document or item of information originally designated as Confidential is not confidential. If a party contends a document or item of information should not be considered Confidential, and an agreement cannot be reached, the party may apply to the Court in compliance with Local Rule 37 for an order that the document or information is not covered by this protective order.
- J. Upon termination of this action by settlement or by judgment and completion of all appellate proceedings, all documents and information designated or treated as Confidential pursuant to this order shall promptly (not later than 30 days following termination of the action) be delivered to counsel for the Defendants for destruction, or disposed of pursuant to further agreement of the parties or order of the Court.
- K. The Court may modify the terms and conditions of the protective order for good cause, or in the interest of justice, or on its own order at any time in these proceedings. If a party believes that the provisions of this protective order have been violated, the party may apply to the Court for sanctions or other appropriate relief pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37.
- L. Any use of Confidential documents or information at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This order does not govern the use of confidential documents or information at trial.
- M. This protective order shall survive the final termination of this action

1 and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to assess monetary sanctions or  
2 other relief and to resolve any dispute concerning the use of the  
3 documents and information disclosed pursuant to this Protective Order.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED.

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6 DATED: November 15, 2017

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9 Hon. Paul L. Abrams  
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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